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For: **METHOD AND STRUCTURE TO DEVELOP  
A TEST PROGRAM FOR SEMICONDUCTOR  
INTEGRATED CIRCUITS**

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Examiner: S. Lo

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to further examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.